

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 231280

53

ORIGIN EUR-04

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 (ISO) R

66603

DRAFTED BY: EUR/NE:JPOWENS

APPROVED BY: EUR:WJSTOESSEL

EUR/NE:NANDREWS

RPM:ACFLOYD

----- 083974

R 261903Z NOV 73

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY OSLO

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 231280

FOR CSCE DELEGATION GENEVA

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION STOCKHOLM FROM SECSTATE NOV 24

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 231280

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:SW, PFOR

SUBJECT: WACHTMEISTER VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. COUNT WILHELM WACHTMEISTER, DIRECTOR SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICE OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL AT WACHTMEISTER'S REQUEST NOVEMBER 23. SECRETARY KISSINGER ALSO RECEIVED WACHTMEISTER FOR BRIEF CHAT FOLLOWING CALL ON ASST.SEC. STOESSEL. IN CALL ON STOESSEL, BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE NOT DISCUSSED, OTHER THAN MUTUAL EXPRESSIONS OF HOPE THAT RELATIONS WOULD EVENTUALLY RETURN TO NORMAL. DISCUSSION CENTERED PRIMARILY ON EUROPEAN QUESTIONS AND PARTICULARLY CSCE.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 231280

2. ASST.SEC STOESSEL BRIEFED WACHTMEISTER IN GENERAL

TERMS ON PROGRESS OF EUROPEAN DECLARATIONS, POINTING OUT THAT US AND EC NATIONS NOW CLOSE TO AGREEMENT ON LANGUAGE OF THE DECLARATION, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE STILL SOME OUTSTANDING POINTS OF LANGUAGE WHICH WILL PROBABLY NOT BE SETTLED UNTIL EARLY NEXT YEAR. HE SAID WE WOULD EXPECT BOTH EC AND NATO DECLARATIONS TO BE READY BEFORE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO EUROPE. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION, STOESSEL SAID NO DATE YET SET FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.

3. CONCERNING CSCE, STOESSEL EXPRESSED THANKS FOR EXCELLENT COOPERATION GIVEN BY SWEDISH DELEGATION AT CSCE MEETING IN GENEVA, EMPHASIZING THAT US DELEGATION VERY

APPRECIATIVE OF SWEDISH ASSISTANCE. WACHTMEISTER COMPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH MINISTERIAL PHASE AT HELSINKI HAD GONE WELL, RUSSIANS AT GENEVA SEEMED TO BE ACTING AS THOUGH HELSINKI HAD NOT TAKEN PLACE. HE SAID SWEDES HAD NEVER EXPECTED DRAMATIC RESULTS FROM CSCE BUT NEVERTHELESS FELT THERE WERE INDIRECT BENEFITS FROM HOLDING CONFERENCE, INCLUDING BILATERAL MEETINGS IT FACILITATED WITH EAST EUROPEANS. WACHTMEISTER ADDED HE HAD TRAVELED RECENTLY TO EASTERN EUROPE, AND FOUND THERE WERE NUANCES IN APPROACH TO CSCE AMONG EASTERN COUNTRIES WHICH DIFFERED FROM SOVIETS. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF ROMANIANS.

4. STOESSEL REPLIED THAT HELSINKI PHASE HAD GONE BETTER THAN WE HAD EXPECTED. PRIOR TO CSCE WE HAD BEEN CONCERNED THAT EUPHORIA MIGHT DEVELOP AMONG WESTERN NATIONS AS RESULT OF DETENTE SPIRIT, BUT THIS HAD NOT HAPPENED, AND WESTERN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING NEUTRALS, HAD DISPLAYED SENSE OF UNITY WHICH SURPRISED SOVIETS. WESTERN NATIONS HAD SEEN MORE CLEARLY THE REAL PROBLEMS AND OBSTACLES POSED BY SOVIETS AS A RESULT OF FIRST PHASE OF CSCE. BOTH STOESSEL AND WACHTMEISTER AGREED THAT BEST HOPE OF PROGRESS IN CSCE LAY IN HUMANITARIAN FIELDS SUCH AS REUNITING FAMILIES, MARRIAGES, ETC. HOWEVER, STOESSEL NOTED THAT SOVIETS NOW WANT STATEMENT AGAINST INTERFERENCE WITH LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF COUNTRIES, AND SAY THAT IF WE AGREE TO THIS THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO FACILITATE

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 231280

PROGRESS ON PRACTICAL PROBLEMS. HE ADDED WE ARE STUDYING THIS QUESTION.

5. WACHTMEISTER COMMENTED THAT IN HIS VISIT TO SOFIA, HE HAD BEEN STRUCK BY THE BASIC IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST AND WESTERN COUNTRIES AS REFLECTED

IN RADICALLY DIFFERENT OUTLOOKS ON IMPORTANCE
OF HUMANITARIAN STEPS. BULGARIANS HAD EXPRESSED WONDER-
MENT TO HIM WHAT WEST WAS CONCERNED ABOUT "IVAN" GETTING
PERMISSION TO MARRY "GRETCHEN" WHEN IN EASTERN VIEW,
ESSENTIAL QUESTION WAS AVOIDANCE OF NUCLEAR WAR.
WACHTMEISTER SAID HE HAD TRIED VAINLY TO EXPLAIN
IMPORTANCE TO BULGARIANS OF PROGRESS IN HUMANITARIAN
FIELDS.

6. CONCLUDING DISCUSSION, WACHTMEISTER SAID ONLY BASIC
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND SWEDEN IS ON CBM'S AND QUESTION
OF SECURITY MATTERS. SINCE SWEDES ARE NOT IN MBFR TALKS,
THEY FEEL STRONGLY THAT CSCE SHOULD DEAL TO SOME EXTENT
WITH SECURITY QUESTIONS. STOESEL AGREED OUR POSITIONS
DIFFERED ON THIS, AND SAID WE BELIEVE CSCE SHOULD NOT
BE BURDENED WITH MILITARY MATTERS WHICH PROPERLY BELONG
TO MBFR. HOWEVER, HE SAID THERE WOULD BE SOME LANGUAGE
RELATING TO SECURITY, SUCH AS INFORMATION ON MILITARY
MANEUVERS AND OBSERVERS. KISSINGER
UNPUOT KISSINGER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PFOR
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 NOV 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: cunninfx
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973STATE231280
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: EUR/NE:JPOWENS
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: RR
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: SECSTATE WASHDC
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731112/aaaaaimd.tel
Line Count: 136
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ORIGIN EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: cunninfx
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 SEP 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06-Sep-2001 by martinml>; APPROVED <25-Sep-2001 by cunninfx>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: WACHTMEISTER VISIT TO WASHINGTON
TAGS: SW
To: COPENHAGEN HELSINKI OSLO
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005